

## Election FAQs for District Libraries - Changes for 2011

When can elections for bonds, levy overrides or plant facilities be held?

- Election dates are the third Tuesday in May and the Tuesday after the first Monday in November each year. (I.C. 34-1401)

How and when do I notify the county clerk if we are having an election for a bond, an override, or plant facilities?

- The Secretary of State compiles an election calendar each year. Your county clerk will be contacting you before November 30<sup>th</sup> each year for information on any elections you might be holding.
- If you decide to have an election during the year and did not notify the county clerk by November 30, you must let the county know at least 45 days before the election. (I.C. 34-106)

When are trustee elections?

- Trustee elections will be held in May in every odd year beginning in 2011. (I.C. 33-2715 or 33-2718)

Have the terms of trustees changed?

- Yes, the regular term for a trustee will be six years.
- During the transition, these are the terms of trustees:

<b>For a trustee elected in:</b>	<b>Term ends:</b>
2006	2011
2007	2013
2008	2013
2009	2015
2010	2015
2011	2017

What if a trustee resigns mid-term?

- The person who is appointed to that position will serve until the next regularly scheduled election. At that election, the trustee shall be elected to complete the unexpired term of the vacated position. (I.C. 33-2716)

Who pays for the election?

- With the exception of a district establishment election (I.C. 63-802C), the county pays election costs.

How has election notification changed?

- The county will make legal notifications for the election, including publishing the notice for petitions for candidacy. Petitions will be filed with the clerk of the district. (I.C. 34-1404 and 34-1405)

Has “one nomination, no election” been amended?

- No, if there is one candidate who has been nominated, according to I.C. 33-2717, no election will be conducted. Districts still must notify the county (and the Commission for Libraries) if there will be no election.

My district is in more than one county. How will this new law affect me?

- I.C. 33-1401 states: Elections in a joint school district or other political subdivisions that extend beyond the boundaries of a single county shall be conducted jointly by the clerks of the respective counties, and the clerk of the home county shall exercise such powers as are necessary to coordinate the election.

How do I know what my library district is responsible for and what the county is responsible for?

- The clerk of the district is responsible for distributing and collecting petitions and acting as the liaison with the county clerk. Otherwise, the county will take care of the election process. (The only things that have changed in Title 33 Chapter 27 are trustee terms and election dates.)
- The Secretary of State will send out an election guide to the counties, who will then coordinate with districts within the county. The county will notify districts about deadlines and notification responsibilities.

Where can I find more information?

- Contact your county clerk or the Secretary of State (<http://www.sos.idaho.gov/>).
- For the most current Idaho Code citations, check online at <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/idstat/TOC/IDStatutesTOC.htm>.